Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Thursday 29 January, 2015

Your son or daughter has expressed an interest in attending the 2015 Snow Trip. This trip is a fantastic opportunity for your student to challenge themselves physically, mentally and emotionally in a unique and beautiful environment.

To help put you at ease about investing in the trip and entrusting your son or daughter to us for a week, we will be running a parent information evening. This is an opportunity for you to meet the teachers running the snow trip, ask any questions you may have and see a brief presentation of previous trips.

This meeting will be held on **Monday 9th February at 6:00 pm** in the **Auditorium (T block)** and is likely to last for about an hour. The easiest access is via the Gympie Road car park, entering through the front door of the building. Your son or daughter is encouraged to attend the evening with you. Another parent evening will be held next term with more specific details about suitable clothing, etc for the trip.

**Current details of this year’s trip are as follows:**

**DATES:**
- Saturday 4th July – Saturday 11th July (2nd week of July holidays)

**COST:**
- **Basic package cost** is usually around $1550 and includes accommodation, breakfasts and dinners, bus transport, ski lift ticket, national park entry fees, etc.
- Hiring of clothes and equipment, lunches and meals while travelling are extra.
- **Total cost** should be around $1650 but may be less as it depends on your chosen options. The cost is not exact as it depends on the number of people travelling and price increases from last year.

**PLACE:**
- We stay at Alpine Gables in **Jindabyne**.
- We ski and board at **Perisher Blue**, Snowy Mountains, NSW.

**STAFF:**
- The staff expected to run the trip this year are **Ms Handfield, Mr Hammond, Ms Beasley and Mr Manwaring**. All are experienced skiers or snow boarders and have been involved in trips with Pine Rivers over a number of years.
- Staff from the school and their families are also invited to attend to help boost numbers and make the trip cheaper for all involved.

**PAYMENT:**
- If you would like to participate in the trip, a series of payments will be required.
- The **first payment** will be a **$400 deposit** due by the end of February.
- Subsequent payments of similar amounts are usually due around each month.
- Part payments are fine at any time as long as the total cost is paid by each due date.
- Payments start at this time as we need to secure transport and accommodation.

**ELIGIBLE STUDENTS:** **Year 11 and 12 students**

As the environment and activities to be undertaken are potentially life-threatening, students must have a **proven ability to follow instructions** (as shown by their behaviour records) to be eligible to attend.

Some exceptional **past students** who have previously attended the snow trip are also invited to return, to act as mentors to the students and to assist the staff. They are required to sign the same behaviour contract as the current students to be able to attend and stay in the same rooms.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call us on one of the numbers below or send us an email.

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